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REACTIONS TO GERMAN OFFENSIVE.

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Correspondents who have contacts with the military leaders -  
BUDLEWEE [SHAE] [i], SWING [ii], RANCAGE [BLIN] [iii] and CHEP [SHAP] [iv]  
in a conversation with SERGEJ [v] maintained that the General Staff of  
the COUNTRY [SERING] [vi] is very much alarmed at the German offensive  
which may delay for several months the renewal of the American general  
offensive which is calculated to crush Germany in concert with us.  
BUDLEWEE had a chat with the head of the ARMY [vii] who told him  
that if the Germans seize LIEGE and the adjacent [D] areas on the  
front it will take a further 3-4 months to reorganise the American  
offensive and [D] longer to make good the stocks of military equipment  
now concentrated in this area. BUDLEWEE was recently in France for  
a month and there concluded from a chat with EISENHOWER that the  
American plan provides for a break-through onto the left bank of the  
RHINE in the middle of January. At this period the Americans were  
counting on our offensive in Poland primarily in the direction of  
CRACOW.

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MAY [M.J.] [viii]

[Comments overleaf]

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- Comments: [i] SHMEL': in this case an unidentified journalist.
- [ii] SWING, [REDACTED] radio commentator.
- [iii] BLIN: Isidore Fernstein STONE, Washington editor of the "Nation", and Washington correspondent for "Bi".
- [iv] SHEP: unidentified.
- [v] SERGEJ: Vladimir Sergeevich FRAVDIN,
- [vi] SER/NA: the United States of America.
- [vii] ARSENL: U.S. War Department, "the head" of which was Henry L. STILSON, Secretary of State for War.
- [viii] MAJ: Pavel Ivanovich FEDOSIMOV.

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